

## BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY

### Regular Session Agenda

Wed. January 27, 2010  
DHMH  
4201 Patterson Avenue #110  
Baltimore, MD 21215  
9:30 a.m.

#### A. Opening of Meeting

#### B. Minutes

#### C. Committee Reports

1. Continuing Education - Dr. Brilliant
2. QEI Committee – Dr. Reed
3. Treasurer's Report – Dr. Strickland
4. ARBO – Dr. Strickland
5. Legislation – Pat Bennett

#### D. Old Business

1. Regulations  
  
Professional Leadership
2. Legislation  
  
HB 1275 - Health Occupations Boards  
Therapeutic Contact Lenses
3. Rehabilitation Committee
4. Annual Newsletter & QEI Committee Mailing
5. Sunset Preliminary Evaluation
6. Board Certification

#### E. Administrator's Report – Pat Bennett

1. Senate EHE Committee Briefing
2. Budget  
  
2011 Budget Submission  
2011 Projected Fee Increase

#### F. New Business

1. Licenses Issued 11/09 – 1/10
2. 2010 Proposed Legislation  
  
HB 114 - Health Occupations Boards – Revisions  
HB 132/ SB 145 – State Board of Examiners in Optometry  
Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation
3. Humberto Villafana, O.D. - Application for DPA Certification

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The Regular Session meeting of the Board of Examiners in Optometry was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 in room #110 DHMH Metro Executive Building, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Board members present were, Thomas Azman, O.D., Jo Anne Brilliant, O.D., Stephen D. Kwan, O.D., David D. Reed, O.D., Phyllis M. Strickland, O.D., Kisha Fields Matthews, and Frederick J. Walsh, Ph.D., Also present were Delia Turano Schadt, Board Counsel, Patricia G. Bennett, Board Administrator, Kecia Dunham, Licensing Coordinator.

#### A. Opening of Meeting

Dr. Azman called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

#### B. Minutes

The regular session minutes of November 18, 2009 were reviewed. The following corrections were made as follows: on page one under letter C number 2, omit the word "a" from the last sentence in the paragraph to read "The project will include record review, mock adverse events, and 2 20 question multiple choice exam". Page 3 under letter F, Dr. Strickland misspelled. Dr. Walsh moved and Dr. Brilliant seconded to accept the minutes with corrections. The Board's vote was unanimous.

#### C. Committee Reports

##### 1. Continuing Education – Dr. Brilliant

Dr. Brilliant stated that there was nothing to report.

##### 2. QEI Committee – Dr. Reed

Dr. Reed reported the Committee has completed the 2008 Record Review. Dr. Reed moved that the Board to approve the 2010 CE Project for up to 6 hours of TPA credits for the 2011 license renewal and Dr. Strickland seconded. The Board's vote was unanimous.

##### 3. Treasurer's Report – Dr. Strickland

Dr. Strickland reported that as of January 8 2010, The Board's Special Fund balance was \$319, 444.15. Dr. Strickland also reported that the Agency's budget is \$271,026.00 with the Board's Expenditures as of January 8, 2010 is \$58,091.36 and the Year to Date Board Expenditure is \$145,085.59. The Board's available budget balance is \$125,940.41.

##### 4. ARBO- Dr. Strickland

Dr. Strickland had nothing to report.

##### 5. Legislation – Pat Bennett

Ms. Bennett stated that there was nothing to report.

#### D. Old Business

##### Legislation

##### Rehabilitation Committee

Ms. Bennett reported that she received information from the Pharmacy Board about the PEAC (Pharmacy Education and Advocacy Counsel) Committee where their licensees can self refer and not be under any disciplinary process. The cost of the program is \$200 per month per individual. Ms. Bennett suggested that she contact PEAC to gather more information about their program and she and Dr. Azman volunteered to form the Board's Rehabilitation Committee and look into resources available in the community for licensees who require treatment and rehabilitation.

##### 2. Annual Newsletter & QEI Committee Mailing

Ms. Bennett reported that the Board mailed out the Annual Newsletter and the QEI Committee's Educational Topic and Exam. She reported that the Board saved money by having the newsletter printed by the Department of General Services. The Board will look to save more by emailing future newsletters.

##### 3. Sunset Review

Ms. Bennett reported that the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) recommends that the Board submit a follow-up report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by October 1, 2011 on the actions the Board has taken regarding the decline in new licenses issued and assess whether the Board should take any action to address the decline.

#### **4. Board Certification**

The Board responded to a letter that was received from the American Optometric Society regarding American Board of Optometry Board Certification. Dr. Reed moved and Dr. Brilliant seconded that the Board will send the draft that was included in the Board packet with the exception of the last paragraph.

#### **E. Administrator's Report- Patricia Bennett**

##### **Budget**

Ms Bennett reported that the 2011 budget has been submitted and Out of State Travel will not be allowed. Therefore the Board will not be able to fund the annual ARBO meeting for Board members or staff. The current budget for 2010 is \$271,026 and 2011 will be reduced to \$267,857. Ms Bennett stated that the Board will have to consider a fee increase for 2011.

#### **F. New Business**

##### **Licenses Issued 9/10-11/09**

Ms. Bennett stated that 3 licenses were issued from December 2, 2009 to date. Dr. Reed moved and Dr. Brilliant seconded to approve the licenses issued. The Board's vote was unanimous.

##### **Legislative Liaison**

Ms. Bennett reported that the Board needs a Legislative Liaison to assist her with new incoming bills as they arise. Kisha Fields Matthews and Dr. Thomas Azman are the Board's liaisons.

##### **Humberto Villafana, O.D. Application for DPA Certification**

Dr. Reed moved and Dr. Azman seconded to approve Dr. Villafana's application as submitted for DPA certification. The Board's vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Dr. Reed and seconded by Dr. Brilliant to adjourn the meeting. The Board vote was unanimous. The regular session adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Submitted by

Kisha Fields Matthews,  
Board Secretary